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SUBJ: IMCO VACANCY NOTICE 75-4 (9/22/75)

1. MR. DAVID EDWARDS, U.S. CITIZEN PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS P-3 OFFICIAL IN IMCO SECRETARIAT (CARGO DIVISION) HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY OFFICER WITH REQUEST THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT HIS CANDIDATURE FOR P-4 REGIONAL PROGRAM OFFICER POSITION ADVERTISED IMCO VACANCY NOTICE 75-4. BOTH POSITIONS ADVERTISED IN NOTICE 75-4 WILL BE AT IMCO HEADQUARTERS, LONDON. EDWARDS IS INTERESTED IN POSITION WHICH WILL PROVIDE HEADQUARTERS BACKSTOPPING FOR IMCO REGIONAL FIELD ADVISER TO BE STATIONED IN ASIA/PACIFIC AREA. HE HAS HAD EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA HAVING SERVED IN SAIGON WITH MARAD IN PORT ADMINISTRATION POSITION DURING LATE 1960'S.

2. EDWARDS ALREADY HAS SUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR POSITION MENTIONED ABOVE. WE UNDERSTAND SUPPORT OF APPLICANT BY HIS GOVERNMENT OR LACK OF SUCH SUPPORT WILL BE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN FINAL SELECTION OF PERSONS TO FILL THE POSITIONS.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH EDWARDS AND AGREES WITH HIM THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR U.S. TO HAVE INCREASED INFLUENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN IMPORTANT AND EXPANDING TECHNICAL COOPERATION WORK OF IMCO (LEIGHTON VAN NORT, U.S. CITIZEN, IS PRESENTLY HEAD OF IMCO TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION). IF EDWARDS WERE SELECTED FOR P-4 POSITION, U.S. GRADE LEVEL UNCLASSIFIED

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IN IMCO SECRETARIAT WOULD BE RAISED AND OPPORTUNITY

WOULD EXIST FOR U.S. TO TRY TO PLACE OTHER U.S. CITIZEN
IN HIS PRESENT P-3 CARGO SECTION SLOT INCREASING U.S.
POSITIONS FROM PRESENT 3 TO 4 IN SECRETARIAT.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO INFORM SECGEN
OF IMCO U.S. SUPPORTS EDWARDS' APPLICATION FOR P-4
POSITION. IF DEPT. DECISION POSITIVE, REQUEST EMBASSY
BE INFORMED ASAP SO THAT U.S. INTENTIONS MAY BE MADE
KNOWN TO IMCO AS EARLY IN SELECTION PROCESS AS POSSIBLE.

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